

REMARKS

Applicant has studied the Office Action dated June 15, 2004 and has made amendments to the claims. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. By virtue of this amendment, claims 1-4, 6-16, 27, and 38 are pending. Claims 25, 26, and 32-37 have been canceled without prejudice. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 25-27, 32, 33, and 35-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gardiner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,354,309) in view of Beinglass (U.S. Patent No. 5,141,892). Claims 25, 26, 32, 33, and 35-37 have been canceled so, with respect to these claims, this rejection is moot. With respect to claims 27 and 38, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 27 and 38 depend from claim 1. Claim 1 has been indicated as being allowable over the art of record, and thus, claims 27 and 38 should also be allowable over the art of record. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 27 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn.

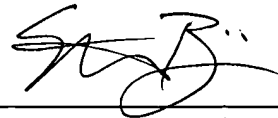
Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-4 and 6-16 are allowable over the art of record.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (561) 989-9811 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

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